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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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Telecom Subscribers
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

a) the details of mobile subscribers separately of GSM and CDMA in the country, State and operator-wise;

(b) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) while taking into consideration the growing number of mobile users has formulated special plan for expansion and improvement of telecom services;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the schemes launched and funds allocated for the same, State-wise along with the investment made by the telecom service providers for expansion of telecom and internet facilities during the last three years and the current year, circle and operator-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) As regards details of mobile subscribers, Licenses are issued by DoT service-area wise and not state-wise. The service-area wise and operator-wise subscriber base of Wireless Services (GSM and CDMA) ending February 2016 is given in Appendix-I

(b)&(c) As regards measures taken for expansion of telecom services, TRAI has issued various recommendations which are as follows:

(i) The TRAI has recommended roll out obligations against allotment of spectrum, from time to time.
(ii) TRAI had submitted its recommendations on "Improving Telecom Services in the North-Eastern States: An Investment Plan" to the Government on 26th September 2013. The press release highlighting the details of these Recommendations , (Recommendations on "Improving Telecom Services in the north eastern status : An Investment Plan" dated 26th September 2013) as available on the TRAI website may kindly be referred to.
(iii) Further, TRAI had submitted its recommendations on "Improving Telecom Services in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep" to the Government on 22nd July 2014. The press release highlighting the details of these Recommendations,(Recommendations on "Improving Telecom Services in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep" dated the 22nd July, 2014) as available on the TRAI website may kindly be referred to.
(iv) TRAI has laid down Quality of Service Standards which are to be adhered to by the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).

(d) Government has approved a project at a cost of Rs. 5336 Cr to cover 8621 uncovered villages in the country in the North Eastern States.

Telecom Commission has recommended a project to provide submarine optical fibre connectivity between Chennai, Port Blair and five other islands at a capital cost of Rs. 880Cr. These projects are to be funded from USOF.

The details of Gross Block and the Capital Work in progress of various TSPs as obtained from TRAI are placed at Appendix-II.

<pre> Appendix − I
Wireless Subscribers (GSM) ending February 2016
Sr No Service Area Bharti Vodafone MTNL GSM BSNL GSM Idea Tata GSM Aircel / Dishnet RCL GSM RTL Videocon Quadrant GSM Telenor Total
1 Andhra Pradesh 23,565,923 7,151,028 9,597,909 15,460,845 4,222,028 2,780,988 3,724,155 5,712,060 72,214,936
2 Assam 5,868,703 3,589,406 1,232,513 1,148,252 5,077,054 1,323,923 18,239,851
3 Bihar 27,823,152 9,385,723 2,951,593 11,181,318 1,236,897 6,968,769 2,693,682 20,774 8,633,814 70,895,722
4 Delhi 11,215,868 10,067,193 2,316,813 6,206,267 6,279,187 5,413,865 41,499,193
5 Gujarat 8,547,322 19,408,608 3,450,701 12,136,328 2,554,963 17,063 4,635,700 879,413 8,644,338 60,274,436
6 Haryana 2,890,693 5,433,466 3154950 4,617,519 2,363,209 3,092 1,576,490 2,236,766 22,276,185
7 Himachal Pradesh 2,722,433 707,815 1,615,479 791,062 37,353 1,088,770 1,573,249 8,536,161
8 Jammu & Kashmir 3,336,575 1,057,201 1,254,342 618,001 2,524,344 927,805 9,718,268
9 Karnataka 20,873,398 7,657,352 6,902,154 8,474,547 6,888,686 3,072,137 4,578,482 58,446,756
10 Kerala 4,252,748 7,507,592 7,317,077 10,362,356 1,454,336 258,032 1,368,758 32,520,899
11 Kolkata 4,640,914 5,360,276 769,286 2,170,173 2,456,753 4,134,247 3,568,294 23,099,943
12 Madhya Pradesh 12,359,120 6,850,557 4,163,808 21,089,876 4,324,418 20,694 10,009,509 3,557,834 62,375,816
13 Maharashtra 13,235,522 18,377,409 5,657,284 23,344,618 4,458,032 2,607,191 3,837,915 8,093,312 79,611,283

14 Mumbai 5,704,299 8,668,030 1,230,728 4,269,970 2,292,242 2,829,840 4,088,135 29,083,244
15 North East 3,876,134 1,525,366 1,348,225 501,369 3,109,130 363,365 10,723,589
16 Orissa 10,131,407 4,049,948 4,004,842 1,703,251 2,122,148 4,560,539 1,605,821 28,177,956
17 Punjab 7,998,157 5,123,789 3,476,836 6,440,321 2,174,268 1,051,297 1,433,626 3,124,867 30,823,161
18 Rajasthan 19,218,246 11,922,052 3,749,971 7,819,633 584,461 6,403,330 5,737,438 55,435,131
19 Tamilnadu including Chennai 17,174,868 15,466,507 8,692,372 5,995,868 4,761,277 21,527,561 4,857,057 78,475,510
20 Uttar Pradesh East 20,619,383 18,871,460 8,666,672 10,687,993 3,732,755 6,830,208 6,803,893 13,155 12,071,627 88,297,146
21 Uttar Pradesh West 8,159,465 11,331,528 4,099,781 14,209,495 3,026,553 648,563 4,767,318 20,043 8,522,382 54,785,128
22 West Bengal 14,475,915 17,233,977 1549045 5,398,429 417,414 4,885,742 2,624,595 46,585,117
Total 248,690,245 196,746,283 3,547,541 83,654,840 174,627,491 49,107,793 86,677,778 53,750,637 23,762,438 6,727,985 3,124,867 51,677,533 982,095,431

Wireless Subscribers (CDMA) ending February 2016
Sr No Service Area MTNL CDMA BSNL CDMA Tata CDMA RCL CDMA Sistema Shyam CDMA Quadrant CDMA Total
1 Andhra Pradesh 27,169 833,243 1,781,837 2,642,249
2 Assam 66,118 66,118
3 Bihar 143,425 449,942 1,750,298 2,343,665
4 Delhi 22,975 2,210,894 3,061,372 934,410 6,229,651
5 Gujarat 51,985 296,596 1,099,126 206,740 1,654,447
6 Haryana 5,724 374,131 377,040 756,895
7 Himachal Pradesh 15,748 31,553 176,098 223,399
8 Jammu & Kashmir 24,888 41 24,929
9 Karnataka 61,612 378,011 1,302,268 1,184,568 2,926,459
10 Kerala 123,730 111,505 836,139 356,748 1,428,122
11 Kolkata 6,672 320,044 1,003,731 538,938 1,869,385
12 Madhya Pradesh 90,581 391,410 2,236,814 2,718,805
13 Maharashtra 62,888 2,122,542 1,747,716 3,933,146
14 Mumbai 63,839 1,039,225 1,714,536 2,817,600
15 North East 161,504 161,504
16 Orissa 38,796 126,986 204,790 370,572
17 Punjab 21,096 493,439 155,495 1,898 671,928
18 Rajasthan 70,613 913,580 948,989 2,109,340 4,042,522
19 Tamilnadu including Chennai 47,865 194,967 1,794,896 755,851 2,793,579
20 Uttar Pradesh East 22,840 382,575 2,415,126 2,820,541
21 Uttar Pradesh West 57,932 452,238 1,202,740 157,017 1,869,927
22 West Bengal 70542 47,951 583,348 1,501,153 2,202,994
Total 86,814 1,171,728 11,170,832 24,392,400 7,744,765 1,898 44,568,437
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Appendix-II
<pre> (Rs. in crore)
Name of TSP 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15
Gross Block Capital Work in Progress Gross Block Capital Work in Progress Gross Block Capital Work in Progress
Aircel (ACL+DWL+AL) 29406 5124 29692 5295 34686 1030
Bharti (Airtel + Hexacom) 80783 1096 84377 2201 105507 9322
BSNL 176622 3696 167777 3878 169088 3279
Idea 41198 843 45279 11380 55843 5079
MTNL 30670 932 26709 383 27173 134
Reliance (RCL + RTL) 61520 1183 63786 1094 65510 781
Tata (TTML + TTSL) 39607 195 40204 250 40786 204
Vodafone (8 companies) 53071 2769 59373 22064 88721 1823
Others 51681 19264 45743 35684 43143 74266
Industry (Total) 564558 35104 562939 82230 630456 95918
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Note: The above information is based on audited/unaudited financial information submitted by licensed telecom service providers to TRAI

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